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Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye
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Dear President Begaye:

Thank you for meeting with us on February 14, 2018, for a government-to-government consultation regarding the legacy uranium mining impacts in the San Mateo Creek Basin, within the Grants Mining District. The EPA is working toward proposing the San Mateo Creek Basin Uranium Legacy Site (the site) to the National Priorities List (NPL) around May 2018.

Our discussions during the consultation were helpful and insightful, and we value the input of the Navajo Nation's leadership and community members. As we discussed, EPA's objectives in pursuing listing are the protection of the area's drinking water supplies and the engagement of responsible parties and stakeholders. We also appreciate your concerns relating to the use of the funds from the Tronox Settlement. We request that if the Navajo Nation leadership agrees on the need for listing the site to the NPL, that you would provide us a letter of support for the listing.

As we move forward, we are committed to maintaining an open dialog and availability for all parties. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to have your staff contact LaDonna Turner of my staff at 214-665-6666 or at turner.ladonna@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Edlund", is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Carl E. Edlund, P.E.

Director

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